

Proclamation

WHEREAS, More than 30,000 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in last year; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse prevention is a the responsibility of all our citizens and prevention efforts depend upon involvement among all people and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Communities must support prevention efforts by promoting programs that assist children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of collaborations, coalitions and partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and consider helping parents, grandparents and extended families raise children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, we stand before the father of our nation, we will symbolize the number of children having suffered at the hands of abuse by lighting a light for each of those unfortunate souls, may this symbol be a reminder of our duty to our children and our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Louis H. Bruni, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Webb County Judge, and on behalf of the Commissioner's Court, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2004 to be:

"Child Abuse Prevention Month"

In Webb County, Texas and as a community, we gather all citizens together to recognize that child abuse does exist and that it is the responsibility of all of us to prevent, intervene and work together to help eliminate child abuse and neglect not only in our community but also in all communities across our great nation, and

In witness whereof, we have hereunto signed our names officially and caused the Official Seal of Webb County, Texas to be affixed on this 02nd day of April , 2004.

The Honorable Louis H. Bruni
Webb County Judge

The Honorable Jerry Vasquez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 1

The Honorable Felix Velasquez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 3

The Honorable Judith G. Gutierrez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 2

The Honorable David R. Cortez
Webb County Commissioner Pct. 4